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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF LETTER OF OFFER FOR AIRCRAFT SALE
TO TUNISIA
REF: TUNIS 2859

1. DOD SPOKESMAN MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT ON MAY 13:
QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS NOTIFIED APPROPRIATE
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF A PROPOSED LETTER OF OFFER TO
SELL THE GOVERNMENT OF TUNISIA 10 F-5E AND 2 F-5F AIR-
CRAFT AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AT AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$53.6
MILLION.

THE CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION WAS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 36(B) OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT, AS AMENDED.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE WOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR TRANSACTIONS RELATED TO THIS OFFER. UNQUOTE.
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2. AS YOU KNOW, THE PROPOSED LETTER OF OFFER MAY NOT BE ISSUED IF CONGRESS, WITHIN TWENTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER RECEIVING NOTIFICATION OF A PROPOSED LETTER OF OFFER, ADOPTS A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STATING IN EFFECT THAT IT OBJECTS TO SUCH PROPOSED SALE. IF CONGRESS HAS NOT ACTED BY THE END OF THE 20-DAY PERIOD, THE LETTER MAY BE FORMALLY ISSUED.

3. FYI. THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS IS THE SAME AS THAT FOLLOWED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE LETTER OF OFFER FOR A-4 AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, THAT NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS WAS CLASSIFIED, AND NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE. WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED OUR CLASSIFICATION POLICIES, PARTLY IN RESPONSE TO CONGRESSIONAL REQUESTS TO AVOID CLASSIFYING SECTION 36(B) REPORTS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. THE REPORT ON THE TUNISIAN F-5E LETTER OF OFFER WAS UNCLASSIFIED AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES, WAS ANNOUNCED BY A DOD SPOKESMAN SUBSEQUENT TO ITS TRANSMITTAL TO CONGRESS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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